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REMARKS

A request for continued examination ("RCE") is being filed in response to the adverse Petition Decision of January 17, 2007 and the Final Office Action of September 7, 2006. Applicant has enclosed a copy of the renewed petition along with a copy of the Decision on petition mailed on January 17, 2007.

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Respectfully submitted,

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This is a decision on the reconsideration petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed September 27, 2006, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of priority

DECISION ON PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)

The petition is **DISMISSED.**

Any request for reconsideration should be submitted within two months of the mail date of this decision. No additional petition fee is required.

to the prior-filed nonprovisional applications set forth in the concurrently filed Application Data

A final Office action was mailed in this application on September 7, 2006. The examiner of record has indicated that the proposed amendment to claim priority to the prior-filed applications raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

The submission of an RCE is a condition for acceptance of the late claim for priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) in this instance. Please remember that time period for reply set in the September 7, 2006 final Office action continues to run.

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